

Lighting Our Homes.

We learn that the following communication has been sent to the directors of the Electric Light Co. :

To the Sumter Electric Light Co.

Gentlemen: The rule adopted by your Company, requiring the lights to be turned out at eleven o'clock, is subjecting us to great inconvenience and creating dissatisfaction. The nights being so very short, we find ourselves compelled either to retire at 11 o'clock, or else to resort to the use of lamps, from which the electric lights were delivered us. We therefore respectfully ask that you will run the lights until 12.30, and so give us the benefit of them during these warm nights when lamps are so disagreeable. We believe that good will inure to the company, and that when your plant is enlarged, many patrons will be added to your list.

Respectfully,

C. C. Brown,
Jno S. Hughton,
Neill O'Donnell,
T. J. Toomey,
B. R. Nash,
J. E. Jervay,
W. E. Zeigler.

June 22, 1879.

We are free to admit that there seems to us to be nothing unreasonable in the above request. The Electric Company should either cut off the boxes of our citizens from its lines of wires, and flatly refuse to furnish lights to them, or it should give them the benefit of the lights up to the hour of retiring at night. The present plan reminds one of the methods adopted by parents for putting children to bed and enforcing sleep by putting out the lights. To compel one to use lamp-light after having enjoyed the luxury of electric lighting is calculated to engender dissatisfaction, and inasmuch as all companies which are serving the public are easily liable to censure, it follows that all possible endeavor should be made to render the criticism without foundation. In the case before us, however, we must confess that our sympathies are with the patrons who are compelled to sit in darkness after 11 o'clock. The company should summarily refuse to light our homes, or else should give satisfaction to all subscribers. We believe that the above appeal will result in removing all cause of complaint. Some of the directors have the lights in their homes, and hence have learned what the discomfort is, and knowing this will be inclined to hear and heed the just complaint of their patrons. They know well enough that the life of the electric plant is dependent upon the patronage of the people, and if the present dissatisfaction is allowed to grow, it might come about that the plant would be crippled so seriously as to endanger its existence. We hope the directors will hold a meeting at once, and administer relief to the gentlemen whose appeal we have published.

Bradham For Congress.

Mr. Daniel J. Bradham, of Clarendon, has announced his candidacy for Congress in the Sixth District and has issued an address to the people of his district. Mr. Bradham has a strong following not only in his own county, but in other counties in the Sixth District, and despite the fact that there is quite a string of candidates entered for the race, the best informed politicians say that his chances are excellent. It is the opinion of quite a number of well-informed public men of the Sixth that the race will be between Mr. Bradham and the strongest man that Marion County puts out.

A Prolific Family.

There is a family of negroes living in Concord township that comes very near breaking the record in point of numbers. Charles and Flora Wells, colored, have fifteen children living, and six have died. Charles is 62 years old and his wife is 68. Their grand children number 54. One daughter has nine children, and several other children have almost as many. There were two sets of twins among their children, and one daughter also has two sets of twins. Both Charles and his wife are hale and hearty, and they expect to live to see their grand children pass the one hundred mark. There may be larger families, but this one is large enough for all practical purposes, and the head of the family is well satisfied that he has done his full share toward populating the earth down in the Concord country.

Report of the Cosmopolitan's Commissioner to India.

With the exception of the noted World's Fair number of The Cosmopolitan, which reached a price of five dollars a copy after the last edition had been exhausted, no stronger number of this magazine has ever been issued than that for July, 1879. The report of Julian Hawthorne, the Special Commissioner sent by The Cosmopolitan to India to investigate the horrors of the plague and famine, is of an extraordinary character, and will open the eyes of the world to conditions which were scarcely suspected. The same number contains what is probably the greatest poem of this quarter of the nineteenth century. This rendering of Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat, which departs entirely from Fitzgerald's copies of four pages. Amelia Rives reappears as a story-teller for the first time since her marriage with Prince Troubetzkoy. One of the cleverest stories yet from the pen of Robert W. Chambers is given. The remarkable story of the War of the Martians, by Wells, which is attracting the attention both of the scientific and non-scientific good-story-loving public, is continued, and there is a fourth story by a Becker, elaborately illustrated by the humor of Peter Newell. The educational discussion—this time by Professor Reck, of Columbia—the story of "The Every-Day Life of a Sister of Charity," elaborately illustrated: "The Genesis of a Comic Opera," given by Reginald de Koren; President Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University, on "The Bankruptcy of Science," and an interesting story by the Greek who conceived and brought into existence "The Streets of Cairo at the World's Fair"—these are some of the contents of this ten-cent magazine.

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House, Burton, W. Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state, was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me, and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

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WIND IN WEDGEFIELD.

Crops Damaged and Houses Blown Down—News Items of Interest.

Wedgefield, June 25.—The crops in this section continue to grow rapidly and gladden the heart of the farmer, as he "looks upon the fields," and is cheered by the promise of an abundant harvest. Cotton blooms made their appearance here two weeks ago.

Dr. F. M. Dwight has a small field near his dwelling from which he gathered a fine crop of oats and then planted in cotton, which looks healthy and is in fine growing condition.

Mr. J. R. Odum is confined to his home this week by sickness.

Mr. Bland Hammond, of North Carolina, who has attended the graded school here, has returned home for the summer.

Mrs. Albert Aycock left a few days ago for North Carolina, where she was summoned to the sickbed of her father, Mr. Hammond.

Miss Mary Dixon, of Columbia, is visiting the family of Mr. Robert Burn.

Mrs. W. W. Moore has returned home from her visit to Pinewood.

A severe windstorm passed over our village yesterday about 7 p. m., which did great damage to cornfields and also destroyed two houses on Dr. McLaurin's place, near here, and injured a buggy owned by his son, Mr. Hugh McLaurin. The wind lasted almost an hour.

A RECEPTION TO THE VETERANS.

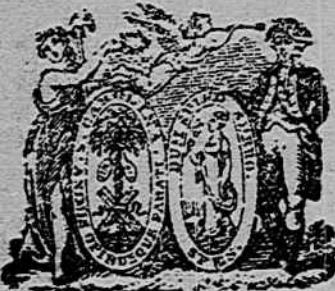
Mrs. Lee C. Harby, of New York. Entertains the South Carolina Confederates.

The following paragraph is taken from the report of the Confederate Reunion, sent The State by its special correspondent in Nashville.

This evening (June 23,) at the Hotel Duncan, Mrs. Lee C. Harby, a devoted South Carolinian, now resident of New York City, complimented General Walker and staff, Camp Sumter and a few friends with a reception which was immensely enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Harby entertained their guests in excellent style. This patriotic woman insisted on speeches. General Walker and others made brief remarks. Colonel Holmes paid high tribute to South Carolina's devoted daughter who has done so much for the Lost Cause and the perpetuation of its memories, Miss Mary A. Snowden, of Charleston.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Pater, with E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., "and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to cure—not simply stop pain, but cure absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

PROCLAMATION.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

Whereas, a petition signed by the qualified electors of certain parts of Darlington, Kershaw and Sumter counties having been filed with me, and from said petition accompanying papers it appears that one-third of the qualified electors residing within the area of each section of each of the old counties proposed to be cut off for a new county have signed said petition, and,

Whereas, the boundaries of the proposed same, the number of inhabitants, the taxable property as shown by the last tax returns, the area, and that the proposed lines of the new county do not run nearer than eight miles of any court house now established, are set forth in said petition:

Now, therefore, I, W. H. Ellerbe, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in compliance with the requirements of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of new counties, etc.," approved March 9th, A. D. 1896, do hereby order an election in the territory to be cut off for the new county on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1897, to be held in accordance with the requirements of said Act; at which the electors shall vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question of creating a new county and upon the name and county seat of the proposed new county.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia this 24th day of May, A. D. 1897, and in the one hundred and twenty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. H. ELLERBE.

By the Governor:
D. H. TOMPKINS,
Secretary of State.
June 23.

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR LEE COUNTY.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
SUMTER COUNTY.

Whereas, the Governor of South Carolina having issued and served on us a copy of his Proclamation requiring the Commissioners of Election to provide for and hold an election in the portion of Sumter county proposed to be cut off to form part of the proposed new Lee county:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given of such election, to be held on the 20th day of July, 1897, at the following precincts of Sumter county:

Lynchburg, St. Charles, Reid's Mill, Bishopville, Carter's Crossing, Bossard, and Southville.

The Commissioners of Election will meet at the court house in the city of Sumter at 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 5th day of July, next, to appoint Managers and attend to such other business as may properly come before them.

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Chairman.
A. G. WARREN,
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June 23.

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